GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3537
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REOPENING OF LAND ROUTE WITH PAKISTAN
SIMRANJIT SINGH MANN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to re-open the land route with Pakistan in order to enable Sikh Pilgrims to visit Gurdwaras there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) - (b) The measures taken by Government following the December 13 attack on the Parliament included the termination of the services of the Samjhauta Express and the Delhi-Lahore bus service with effect from 1st January, 2002.At present there is no proposal to resume these services.